

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A side-mirror apparatus for automobile to be drawn out to a drawn-out position so as to obtain a field of view in a rear direction and to be stored when not in use, the side-mirror apparatus ~~for automobile characterized by~~ comprising:

imaging means, on an substantial end portion of an outer casing of the side mirror apparatus, for obtaining a field of view in a direction substantially orthogonal to a field of view of the side-mirror apparatus,

wherein the imaging means obtains a field of view in a side direction when the side-mirror apparatus is in a drawn-out position and the imaging means obtains a field of view in a rear direction when the side-mirror apparatus is in a stored position, and

wherein the imaging means is inactivated after a predetermined amount of time has elapsed after an automobile door is opened.

Claims 2-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A side-mirror apparatus for automobile to be drawn out to a drawn-out position so as to obtain a field of view in a rear direction and to be stored when not in use, the side-mirror apparatus comprising: The side mirror apparatus for automobile according to claim 1 characterized in that:

imaging means, on an substantial end portion of an outer casing of the side mirror apparatus, for obtaining a field of view in a direction substantially orthogonal to a field of view of the side-mirror apparatus,

wherein the imaging means obtains a field of view in a side direction when the side-mirror apparatus is in a drawn-out position and the imaging means obtains a field of view in a rear direction when the side-mirror apparatus is in a stored position, and

wherein a field of view in a rear direction is captured by the imaging means and displayed inside an automobile using display means when a start of an operation of opening a door is detected while the side-mirror apparatus being in a stored position.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A side-mirror apparatus for automobile to be drawn out to a drawn-out position so as to obtain a field of view in a rear direction and to be stored when not in use, the side-mirror apparatus comprising: The side-mirror apparatus for automobile according to claim 1 characterized in that:

imaging means, on an substantial end portion of an outer casing of the side mirror apparatus, for obtaining a field of view in a direction substantially orthogonal to a field of view of the side-mirror apparatus,

wherein the imaging means obtains a field of view in a side direction when the side-mirror apparatus is in a drawn-out position and the imaging means obtains a field of view in a rear direction when the side-mirror apparatus is in a stored position, and

wherein the imaging means captures an image of inside and outside of the automobile and sends the image to a monitor apparatus at a remote position via communication means.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A side-mirror apparatus for automobile to be drawn out to a drawn-out position so as to obtain a field of view in a rear direction and to be stored when not in use, the side-mirror apparatus comprising: The side-mirror apparatus for automobile according to claim 3 characterized in that:

imaging means, on an substantial end portion of an outer casing of the side mirror apparatus, for obtaining a field of view in a direction substantially orthogonal to a field of view of the side-mirror apparatus,

wherein the imaging means obtains a field of view in a side direction when the side-mirror apparatus is in a drawn-out position and the imaging means obtains a field of view in a rear direction when the side-mirror apparatus is in a stored position, and

wherein an image of the inside of the automobile is captured and sent the image to a monitor apparatus at a remote position via communication means when the side-mirror apparatus is in a stored position.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended). The side-mirror apparatus for automobile according to claim 5, wherein characterized in that:

a sensor is provided for detecting an abnormality of the automobile, the imaging means captures an image in conjunction with the sensor detection and, the captured image is transmitted by transmission means.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The side-mirror apparatus for automobile according to claim 5, wherein characterized in that:

the imaging means captures an image in response to a monitoring command signal sent from outside, and

the captured image is sent by a transmission means.

Claim 10-12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A side-mirror apparatus for automobile to be drawn out to a drawn-out position so as to obtain a field of view in a rear direction and to be stored when not in use, the side-mirror apparatus comprising: ~~The side-mirror apparatus for automobile according to claim 2 characterized in that:~~

imaging means, on an substantial end portion of an outer casing of the side mirror apparatus, for obtaining a field of view in a direction substantially orthogonal to a field of view of the side-mirror apparatus,

wherein the imaging means obtains a field of view in a side direction when the side-mirror apparatus is in a drawn-out position and the imaging means obtains a field of view in a rear direction when the side-mirror apparatus is in a stored position, and

wherein the imaging means captures an image of inside and outside of the automobile and sends the image to a monitor apparatus at a remote position via communication means.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A side-mirror apparatus for automobile to be drawn out to a drawn-out position so as to obtain a field of view in a rear direction and to be stored when not in use, the side-mirror apparatus comprising: ~~The side-mirror apparatus for automobile according to claim 4 characterized in that:~~

imaging means, on an substantial end portion of an outer casing of the side mirror apparatus, for obtaining a field of view in a direction substantially orthogonal to a field of view of the side-mirror apparatus,

wherein the imaging means obtains a field of view in a side direction when the side-mirror apparatus is in a drawn-out position and the imaging means obtains a field of view in a rear direction when the side-mirror apparatus is in a stored position, and

wherein an image of the inside of the automobile is captured and sent the image to a monitor apparatus at a remote position via communication means when the side-mirror apparatus is in a stored position.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The side-mirror apparatus for automobile according to claim 6, wherein characterized in that:

a sensor is provided for detecting an abnormality of the automobile, the imaging means captures an image in conjunction with the sensor detection and, the captured image is transmitted by transmission means.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The side-mirror apparatus for automobile according to claim 6, wherein characterized in that:

the imaging means captures an image in response to a monitoring command signal sent from outside, and the captured image is sent by a transmission means.